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INCLUDING LIQUID CRYSTAL CAPSULE
AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE
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ABSTRACT

A liquid crystal display device includes: a substrate having first, second and third sub-pixels; a thin film transistor in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on a front surface of the substrate; a pixel electrode and a common electrode in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on the substrate, the pixel electrode and the common electrode spaced apart from each other; a liquid crystal layer on the pixel electrode and the common electrode, the liquid crystal layer including a liquid crystal capsule and a binder; an auxiliary adhesive layer on the liquid crystal layer; an optical film on the auxiliary adhesive layer; a first adhesive layer and a first polarizing plate sequentially on a rear surface of the substrate; and a second adhesive layer and a second polarizing plate sequentially on the optical film.

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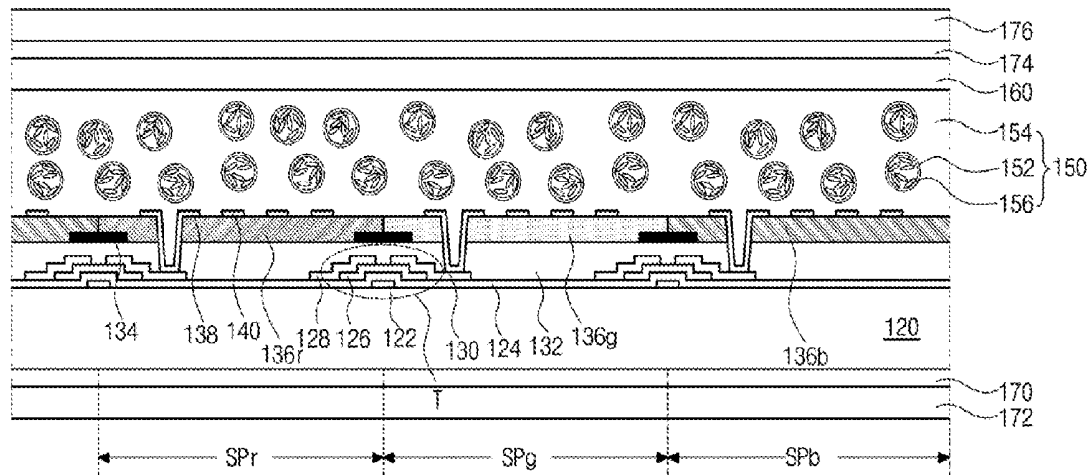


FIG. 1A
Related Art

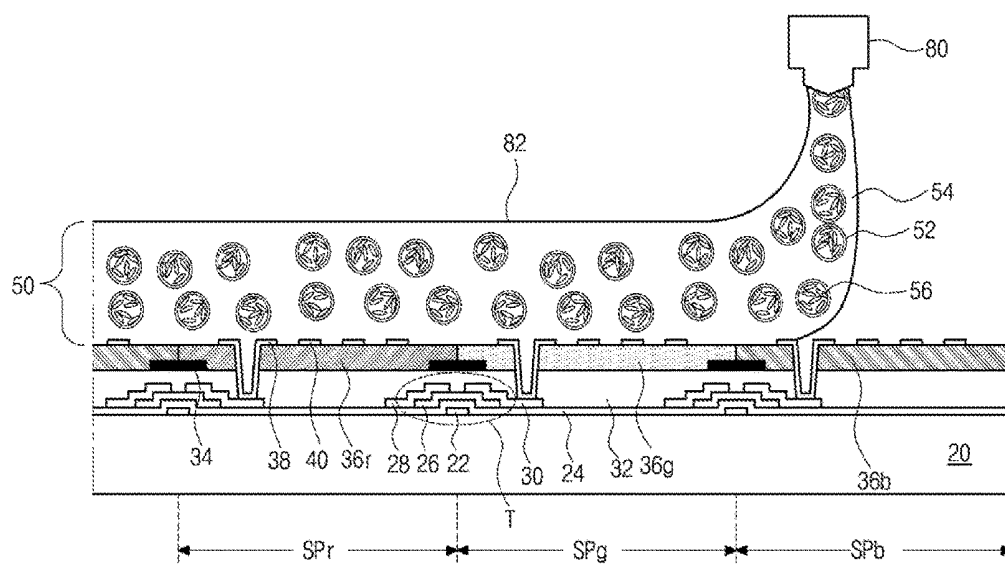


FIG. 1B
Related Art

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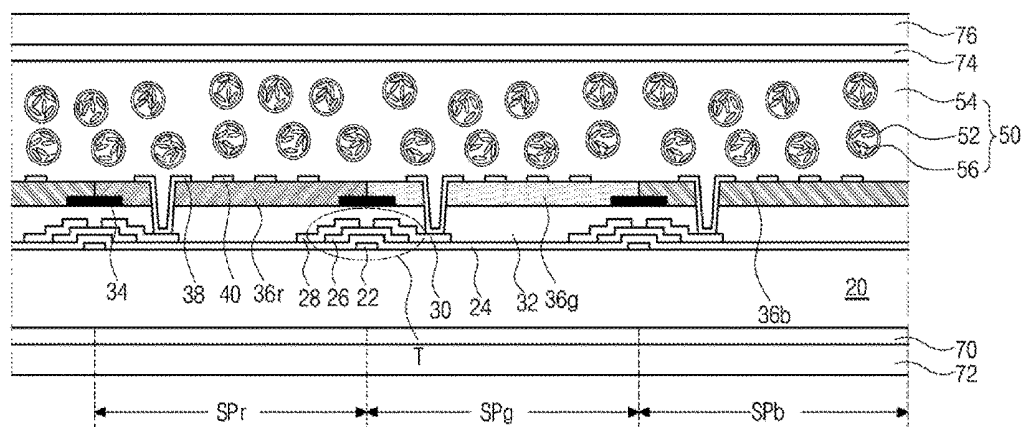


FIG. 2
Related Art

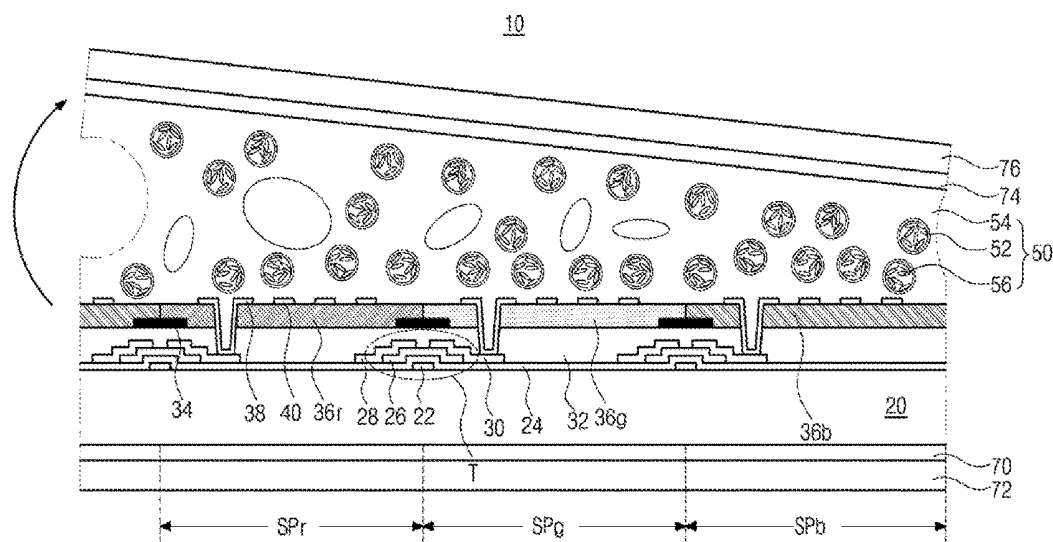


FIG. 3

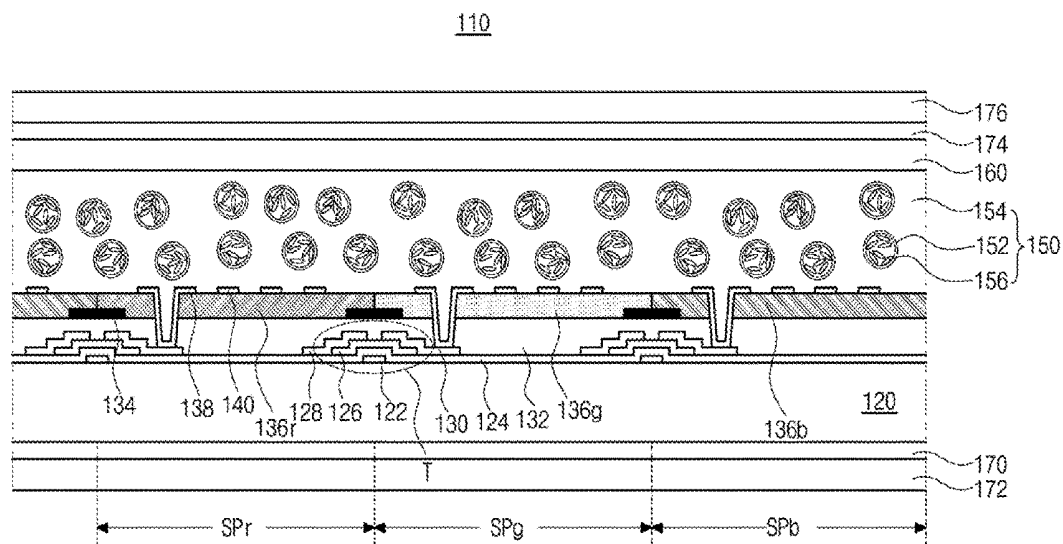


FIG. 5B

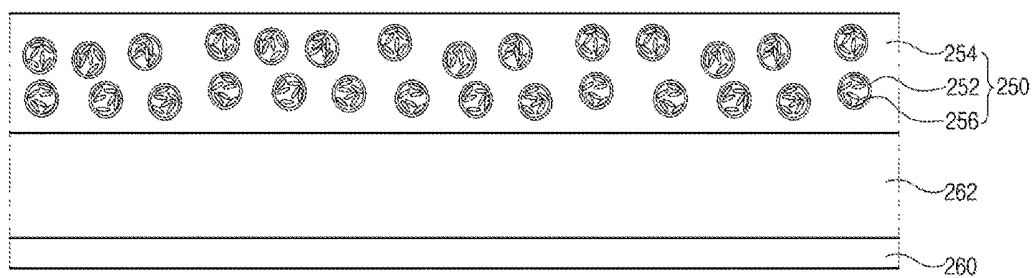


FIG. 5C

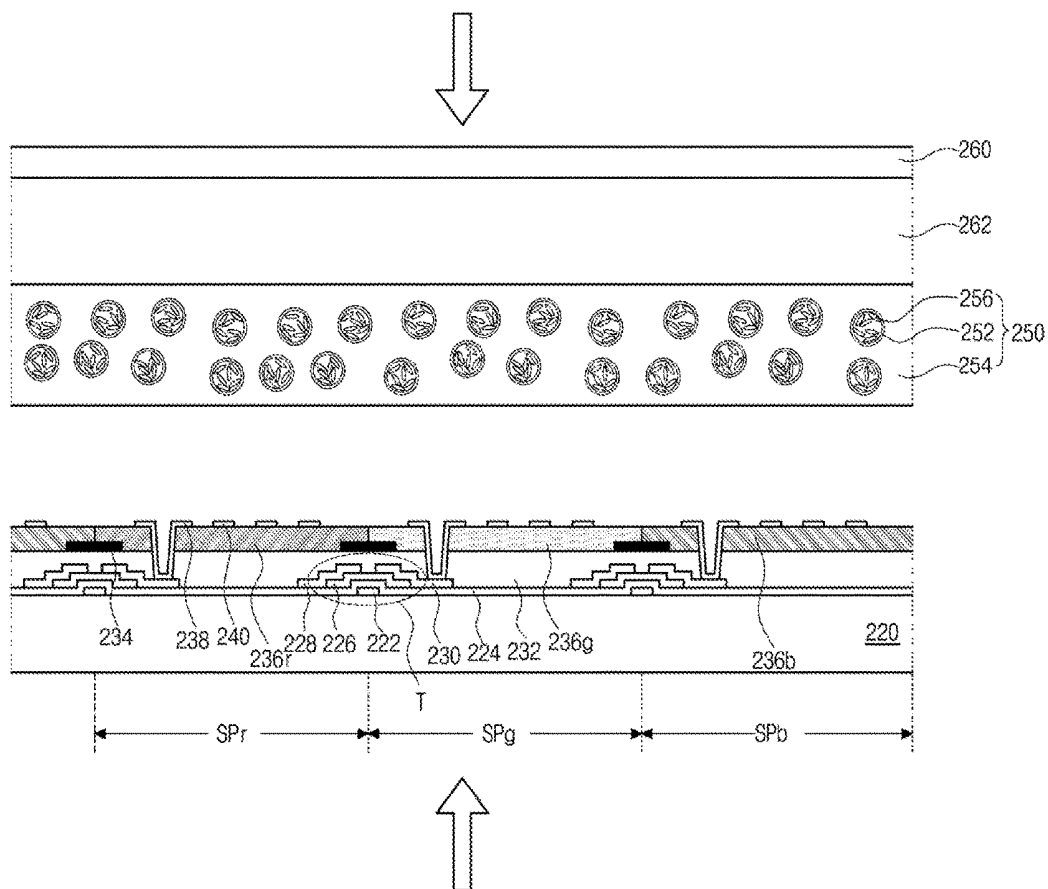


FIG. 5D

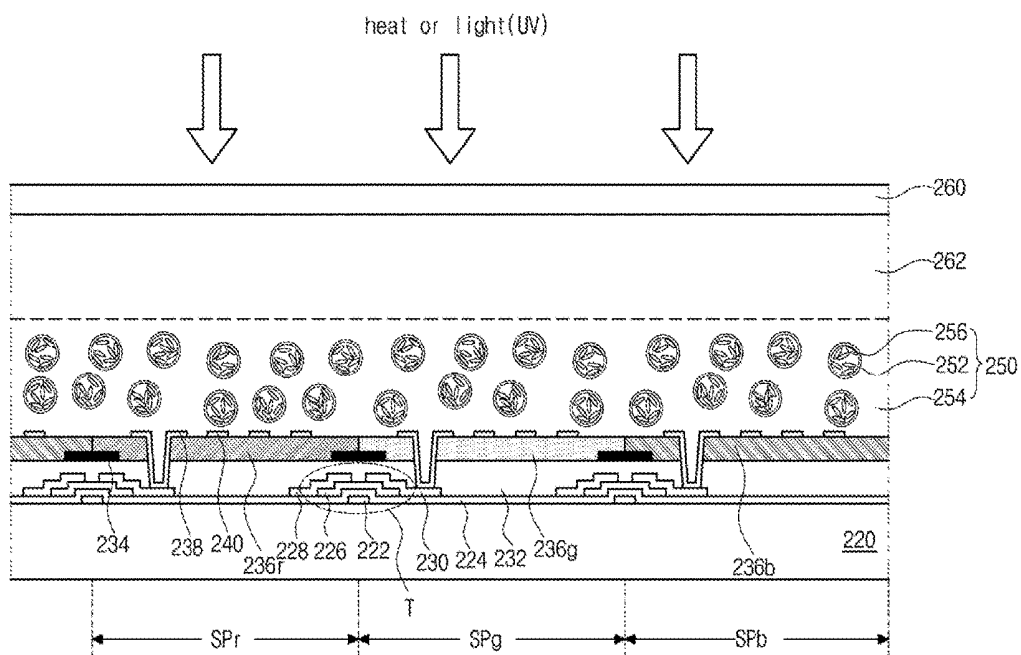


FIG. 5E

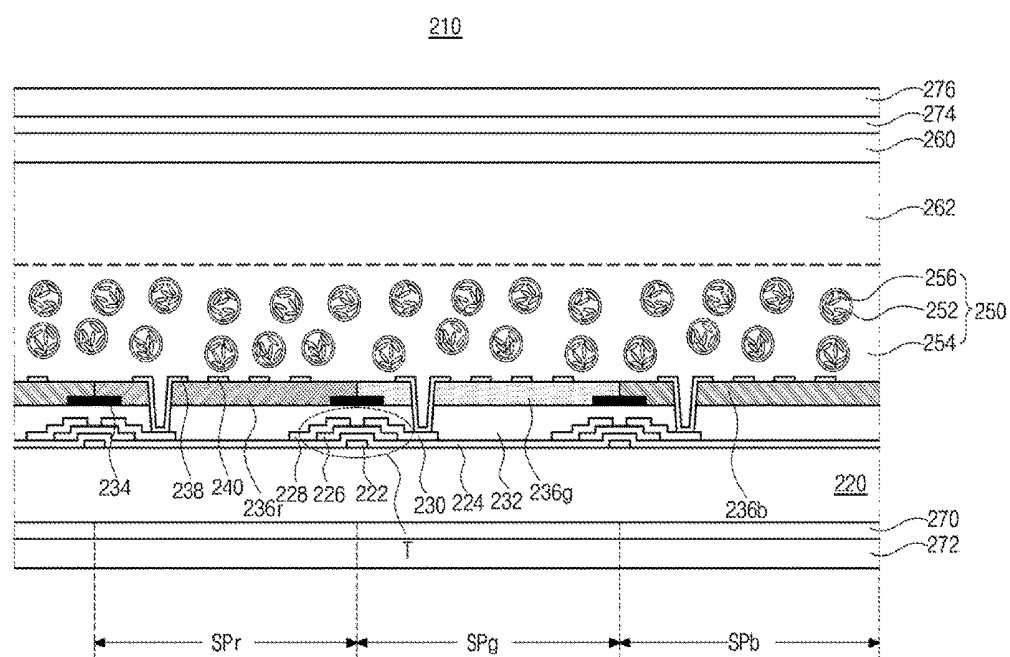
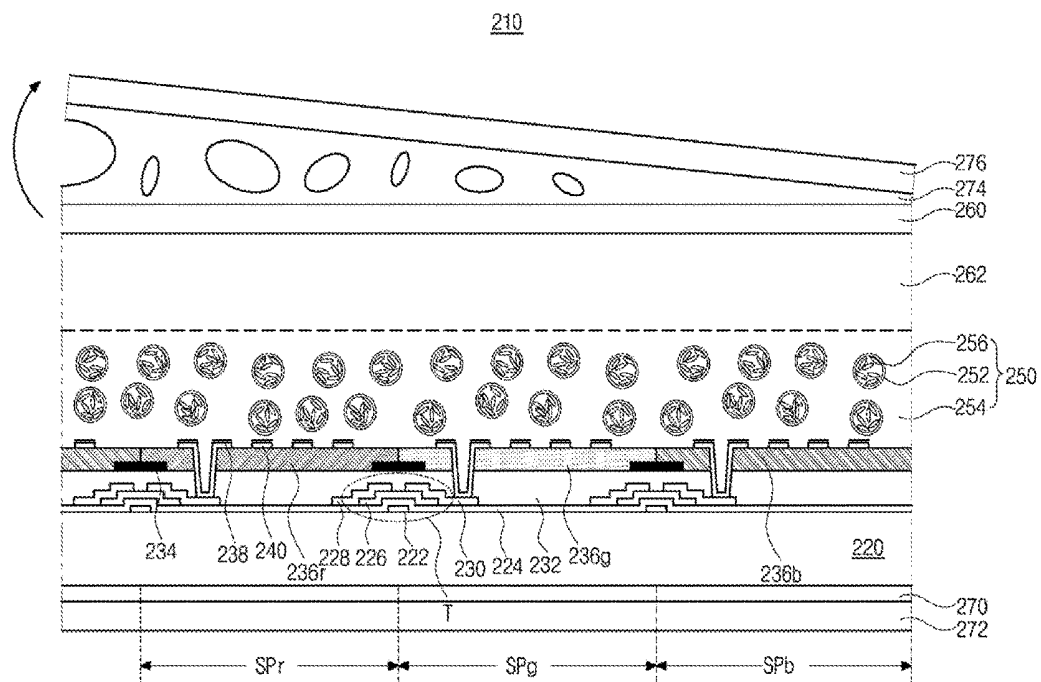


FIG. 6



LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE INCLUDING LIQUID CRYSTAL CAPSULE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] This application claims the benefit of priority of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2017-0155011, filed in the Republic of Korea on Nov. 20, 2017, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes as if fully set forth herein.

BACKGROUND

Field of the Disclosure

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a liquid crystal display device, and more particularly, to a liquid crystal display device where a generation of a bubble is prevented and a rework is improved by attaching an array substrate having a thin film transistor and an optical film having an auxiliary adhesive layer and a liquid crystal layer and a method of fabricating the same.

Description of the Background

[0003] Recently, as the information age progresses, display devices processing and displaying a large amount of information have rapidly advanced. For example, various flat panel displays (FPDs) having a thin profile, a light weight and a low power consumption have been researched.

[0004] As a result, a thin film transistor liquid crystal display (TFT-LCD) device having an excellent color reproducibility and a thin profile has been developed. The LCD device displays an image using an optical anisotropy and a polarization property of a liquid crystal molecule.

[0005] In general, the LCD device includes first and second substrates facing and spaced apart from each other and a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates. Since the LCD device includes two glass substrates, the LCD device has a relatively heavy weight and is relatively bulky and it is not easy to apply the LCD device to a flexible display device.

[0006] To improve the above disadvantages of the LCD device, an LCD device including a liquid crystal capsule where a liquid crystal layer including a plurality of liquid crystal capsules is formed on a substrate through a coating method has been suggested. The LCD device including a liquid crystal capsule displays a gray level by changing an effective refractive index anisotropy (or an average refractive index anisotropy) according to an electric field.

[0007] FIGS. 1A and 1B are cross-sectional views showing a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to the related art.

[0008] In FIG. 1A, a substrate 20 includes red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b, and a thin film transistor (TFT) T, a pixel electrode 38 and a common electrode 40 are formed in each of the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the substrate 20.

[0009] A gate electrode 22 is formed in each of the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the substrate 20, and a gate insulating layer 24 is formed on the gate electrode 22 in a whole of the substrate 20.

[0010] A semiconductor layer 26 is formed on the gate insulating layer 24 corresponding to the gate electrode 22, and a source electrode 28 and a drain electrode 30 are formed on both end portions of the semiconductor layer 26.

[0011] The gate electrode 22, the semiconductor layer 26, the source electrode 28 and the drain electrode 30 constitute the TFT T.

[0012] A passivation layer 32 is formed on the TFT T in a whole of the substrate 20, and a black matrix 34 is formed at a boundary portion of the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the passivation layer 32.

[0013] Red, green and blue color filters 36_r, 36_g and 36_b are formed in the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b, respectively, on the black matrix 34. The red, green and blue color filters 36_r, 36_g and 36_b constitute a color filter layer.

[0014] A pixel electrode 38 and a common electrode 40 are formed in each of the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the color filter layer. The pixel electrode 38 is connected to the drain electrode 30 of the TFT T, and the common electrode 40 is spaced apart from the pixel electrode 38.

[0015] In addition, after a liquid crystal capsule material layer 82 is formed on the substrate 20 having the TFT T, the pixel electrode 38 and the common electrode 40 by coating a liquid crystal capsule solution including a liquid crystal capsule 52 and a binder 54 through a nozzle 80, the liquid crystal capsule material layer 82 are dried or cured to form a liquid crystal layer 50 including the liquid crystal capsule 52 on the substrate 20.

[0016] In FIG. 1B, a liquid crystal display (LCD) device 10 including a liquid crystal capsule according to the related art is completed by sequentially forming a first adhesive layer 70 and a first polarizing plate 72 under the substrate 20 and sequentially forming a second adhesive layer 74 and a second polarizing plate 76 on the liquid crystal layer 50.

[0017] In the LCD device 10 including a liquid crystal capsule, since the second adhesive layer 74 is directly formed on the liquid crystal layer 50, the liquid crystal layer 50 may be deteriorated by an adhesive material of the second adhesive layer 74.

[0018] For example, a distribution of the liquid crystal capsule 52 of an upper portion of the liquid crystal layer 50 may become non-uniform due to diffusion of the adhesive material of the second adhesive layer 74 to the upper portion of the liquid crystal layer 50.

[0019] In addition, an adjustment of a concentration of a solid in the liquid crystal capsule solution is required to apply the liquid crystal layer 50 including the liquid crystal capsule 52 to the LCD device 10 using the substrate 20 of the other kind. However, a condition such as the concentration of the solid may not be easily changed and a thickness of the liquid crystal layer 50 may not be easily maintained.

[0020] Further, when the second polarizing plate 76 is attached to the liquid crystal layer 50 through the second adhesive layer 74, an absorption axis of the second polarizing plate 76 may be misaligned. When the absorption axis of the second polarizing plate 76 is misaligned, the second polarizing plate 76 is removed and then a rework of attaching the second polarizing plate 76 is required. However, the liquid crystal layer 50 may be deteriorated during the rework.

[0021] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing a rework of a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal

capsule according to the related art. Reference is made to FIGS. 1A and 1B with FIG. 2.

[0022] In FIG. 2, when the second polarizing plate 76 attached to the liquid crystal layer 50 through the second adhesive layer 74 is misaligned, the misaligned second polarizing plate 76 is removed from the substrate 20 including the liquid crystal layer 50 and then the new second polarizing plate 76 is attached to a top surface of the liquid crystal layer 50 again.

[0023] However, since a viscosity of the liquid crystal layer including the liquid crystal capsule 52 is similar to a viscosity of the second adhesive layer 74, the second adhesive layer 74 and the second polarizing plate 76 may not be removed and the liquid crystal layer 50 may be removed or deteriorated during the rework of removing the second polarizing plate 76 from the substrate 20 including the liquid crystal layer 50. As a result, the rework becomes impossible and a fabrication cost inevitably increases.

SUMMARY

[0024] Accordingly, aspects of the present disclosure are directed to a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule and a method of fabricating the same that substantially obviate one or more of the problems due to limitations and disadvantages of the related art.

[0025] Aspects of the present disclosure relate to a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule where deterioration of a liquid crystal layer and remaining of a bubble are prevented and a fabrication cost is reduced.

[0026] Additional features and aspects will be set forth in the description that follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the inventive concepts provided herein. Other features and aspects of the inventive concepts may be realized and attained by the structure particularly pointed out in the written description, or derivable therefrom, and the claims hereof as well as the appended drawings.

[0027] To achieve these and other aspects of the inventive concepts, as embodied and broadly described, a liquid crystal display device includes: a substrate having first, second and third sub-pixels; a thin film transistor in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on a front surface of the substrate; a pixel electrode and a common electrode in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on the substrate, the pixel electrode and the common electrode spaced apart from each other; a liquid crystal layer on the pixel electrode and the common electrode, the liquid crystal layer including a liquid crystal capsule and a binder; an auxiliary adhesive layer on the liquid crystal layer; an optical film on the auxiliary adhesive layer; a first adhesive layer and a first polarizing plate sequentially on a rear surface of the substrate; and a second adhesive layer and a second polarizing plate sequentially on the optical film.

[0028] In another aspect, a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device includes: forming a thin film transistor, a pixel electrode and a common electrode in each of first, second and third sub-pixels on a front surface of a substrate, the pixel electrode and the common electrode spaced apart from each other; sequentially forming an auxiliary adhesive layer and a liquid crystal layer on an optical film; attaching the substrate and the optical film such that the pixel electrode and the common electrode contact the liquid crystal layer; and sequentially forming a first adhesive layer and a first polarizing plate on a rear surface of the substrate and

sequentially forming a second adhesive layer and a second polarizing plate on the optical film.

[0029] It is to be understood that both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are explanatory, and are intended to provide further explanation of the aspects as claimed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0030] The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide a further understanding of the disclosure, are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate aspects of the disclosure and together with the description serve to explain the principles of the disclosure.

[0031] In the drawings:

[0032] FIGS. 1A and 1B are cross-sectional views showing a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to the related art;

[0033] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing a rework of a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to the related art;

[0034] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a first aspect of the present disclosure;

[0035] FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view showing a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure;

[0036] FIGS. 5A to 5E are cross-sectional views showing a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure; and

[0037] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view showing a rework of a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0038] Reference will now be made in detail to aspects of the present disclosure, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. In the following description, when a detailed description of well-known functions or configurations related to this document is determined to unnecessarily cloud a gist of an aspect of the disclosure, the detailed description thereof will be omitted. The progression of processing steps and/or operations described is an example; however, the sequence of steps and/or operations is not limited to that set forth herein and may be changed as is known in the art, with the exception of steps and/or operations necessarily occurring in a certain order. Like reference numerals designate like elements throughout. Names of the respective elements used in the following explanations are selected only for convenience of writing the specification and may be thus different from those used in actual products.

[0039] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a first aspect of the present disclosure.

[0040] In FIG. 3, a liquid crystal display (LCD) device 110 including a liquid crystal capsule according to a first aspect of the present disclosure includes a substrate 120 and a liquid crystal layer 150 on the substrate 120.

[0041] The substrate 120 includes first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b. The first, second and third

sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b may correspond to red, green and blue, respectively or cyan, magenta and yellow, respectively.

[0042] The substrate **120** may include a glass or a flexible material such as plastic.

[0043] A gate electrode **122** is formed in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the substrate **120**, and a gate insulating layer **124** is formed on the gate electrode **122** including the substrate **120**.

[0044] A semiconductor layer **126** is formed on the gate insulating layer **124** corresponding to the gate electrode **122**, and a source electrode **128** and a drain electrode **130** are disposed on both end portions of the semiconductor layer **126**.

[0045] The gate electrode **122**, the semiconductor layer **126**, the source electrode **128** and the drain electrode **130** constitute a thin film transistor (TFT) T.

[0046] Although not shown, a gate line and a data line are disposed over the substrate **120**. The gate line and the data line cross each other to define the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b. The gate electrode **122** of the TFT T may be connected to the gate line and the source electrode **128** of the TFT T may be connected to the data line.

[0047] A passivation layer **132** is disposed on the TFT T in a whole of the substrate **120**, and a black matrix **134** is disposed at a boundary portion of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the passivation layer **132**.

[0048] Red, green and blue color filters **136_r**, **136_g** and **136_b** are disposed in the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b, respectively, on the black matrix **134**. The red, green and blue color filters **136_r**, **136_g** and **136_b** constitute a color filter layer.

[0049] A pixel electrode **138** and a common electrode **140** are disposed in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the color filter layer. The pixel electrode **138** is connected to the drain electrode **130** of the TFT T through a drain contact hole of the color filter layer and the passivation layer **132**. The common electrode **140** is spaced apart from the pixel electrode **138**.

[0050] Although not shown, each of the pixel electrode **138** and the common electrode **140** may have a bar shape and may include a plurality of bars parallel to and spaced apart from each other in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b.

[0051] The liquid crystal layer **150** is formed on the pixel electrode **138** and the common electrode **140** in a whole of the substrate **120**.

[0052] The liquid crystal layer **150** includes a plurality of liquid crystal capsules **152** and a binder **154** where the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **152** is dispersed. Each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **152** includes a plurality of liquid crystal molecules **156**, and the binder **154** includes an adhesive material (not shown).

[0053] A thickness of the liquid crystal layer **150** may be changed according to a birefringence property and an optical transmittance of the liquid crystal capsule **152**. For example, the thickness of the liquid crystal layer **150** may be within a range of about 2 μm to about 6 μm.

[0054] The binder **154** disperses the liquid crystal capsule **152** and fixes the liquid crystal layer **150** to the substrate **120**.

[0055] Each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **152** is a polymer capsule having a diameter of 1 to 999 nano-

meters and includes a water soluble material such as poly vinyl alcohol (PVA) or a fat soluble material such as poly methyl methacrylate (PMMA). For example, each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **152** may be within a range of about 1 nm to about 320 nm.

[0056] The binder **154** may be transparent or translucent (half-transparent) and may have a water solubility, a fat solubility or a mixed property of a water solubility and a fat solubility. For example, the binder **154** may include a water solubility which has a small influence on the liquid crystal capsule **152**.

[0057] The plurality of liquid crystal molecules **156** may include at least one of a nematic liquid crystal, a ferroelectric liquid crystal and a flexo electric liquid crystal.

[0058] Since the liquid crystal layer **150** including the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **152** and the binder **156** may be formed without an additional orientation layer, the liquid crystal layer **150** may directly contact the pixel electrode **138** and the common electrode **140**.

[0059] An optical film **160** is formed on the liquid crystal layer **150**. The optical film **160** protects the liquid crystal layer **150** including the liquid crystal capsule **152** and may have an optical function.

[0060] For example, the optical film **160** may include one of triacetyl cellulose (TAC) and cyclic olefin copolymer (COC) having an optical isotropy without a retardation.

[0061] In another aspect, the optical film **160** may include a material capable of compensating a birefringence property of the liquid crystal layer **150**.

[0062] A first adhesive layer **170** and a first polarizing plate **172** are sequentially formed under the substrate **120**, and a second adhesive layer **174** and a second polarizing plate **176** are sequentially formed on the liquid crystal layer **150**.

[0063] The LCD device **110** may be fabricated through the following process.

[0064] The TFT T, the color filter layer, the pixel electrode **138** and the common electrode **140** are formed on the substrate **120**. The liquid crystal capsule solution is coated on the optical film **160** and then is dried or cured to form the liquid crystal layer **150**. The LCD device **110** is completed by attaching the substrate **120** having the TFT T, the color filter layer, the pixel electrode **138** and the common electrode **140** and the optical film having the liquid crystal layer **150** and by attaching the first and second polarizing plates **172** and **176** to the substrate **120** and the optical film **160** through the first and second adhesive layers **170** and **174**.

[0065] In the LCD device **110** including the liquid crystal capsule according to the first aspect of the present disclosure, since the optical film **160** on the liquid crystal layer **150** protects the liquid crystal layer **150**, deterioration of the liquid crystal layer **150** due to the adhesive material of the second adhesive layer **174** is prevented.

[0066] In addition, after the liquid crystal capsule solution is formed on the optical film **160**, the optical film **160** is attached to various kinds of substrate **120**. As a result, a condition change of the liquid crystal capsule solution is not required and the thickness of the liquid crystal layer **150** may be kept uniformly.

[0067] In the LCD device **110** including the liquid crystal capsule according to the first aspect of the present disclosure, however, since the liquid crystal layer **150** has a relatively small thickness, a bubble may remain in an interface between the pixel electrode **138** and the liquid

crystal layer **150** and an interface between the common electrode **140** and the liquid crystal layer **150** when the substrate **120** having the TFT T, the color filter layer, the pixel electrode **138** and the common electrode **140** and the optical film having the liquid crystal layer **150** are attached.

[0068] In another aspect, remaining of a bubble may be prevented by forming an auxiliary adhesive layer between the liquid crystal layer and the optical film.

[0069] FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view showing a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure.

[0070] In FIG. 4, a liquid crystal display (LCD) device **210** including a liquid crystal capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure includes a substrate **220** and a liquid crystal layer **250** on the substrate **220**.

[0071] The substrate **220** includes first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b. The first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b may correspond to red, green and blue, respectively or cyan, magenta and yellow, respectively.

[0072] The substrate **220** may include a glass or a flexible material such as plastic.

[0073] A gate electrode **222** is formed in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the substrate **220**, and a gate insulating layer **224** is formed on the gate electrode **222** in a whole of the substrate **220**.

[0074] A semiconductor layer **226** is formed on the gate insulating layer **224** corresponding to the gate electrode **222**, and a source electrode **228** and a drain electrode **230** are disposed on both end portions of the semiconductor layer **226**.

[0075] The gate electrode **222**, the semiconductor layer **226**, the source electrode **228** and the drain electrode **230** constitute a thin film transistor (TFT) T.

[0076] Although not shown, a gate line and a data line are disposed over the substrate **220**. The gate line and the data line cross each other to define the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b. The gate electrode **222** of the TFT T may be connected to the gate line and the source electrode **228** of the TFT T may be connected to the data line.

[0077] A passivation layer **232** is disposed on the TFT T in a whole of the substrate **220**, and a black matrix **234** is disposed at a boundary portion of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the passivation layer **232**.

[0078] Red, green and blue color filters **236_r**, **236_g** and **236_b** are disposed in the red, green and blue sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b, respectively, on the black matrix **234**. The red, green and blue color filters **236_r**, **236_g** and **236_b** constitute a color filter layer.

[0079] A pixel electrode **238** and a common electrode **240** are disposed in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the color filter layer. The pixel electrode **238** is connected to the drain electrode **230** of the TFT T through a drain contact hole of the color filter layer and the passivation layer **232**. The common electrode **240** is spaced apart from the pixel electrode **238**.

[0080] Although not shown, each of the pixel electrode **238** and the common electrode **240** may have a bar shape and may include a plurality of bars parallel to and spaced apart from each other in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b.

[0081] The liquid crystal layer **250** is formed on the pixel electrode **238** and the common electrode **240** in a whole of the substrate **220**.

[0082] The liquid crystal layer **250** includes a plurality of liquid crystal capsules **252** and a binder **254** where the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **252** is dispersed. Each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **252** includes a plurality of liquid crystal molecules **256**, and the binder **254** includes an adhesive material (not shown).

[0083] A thickness of the liquid crystal layer **250** may be changed according to a birefringence property and an optical transmittance of the liquid crystal capsule **252**. For example, the thickness of the liquid crystal layer **250** may be within a range of about 2 μm to about 6 μm.

[0084] The binder **254** disperses the liquid crystal capsule **252** and fixes the liquid crystal layer **250** to the substrate **220**.

[0085] Each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **252** is a polymer capsule having a diameter of 1 to 999 nanometers and includes a water soluble material such as poly vinyl alcohol (PVA) or a fat soluble material such as poly methyl methacrylate (PMMA). For example, each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **252** may be within a range of about 1 nm to about 320 nm.

[0086] The binder **254** may be transparent or translucent (half-transparent) and may have a water solubility, a fat solubility or a mixed property of a water solubility and a fat solubility. For example, the binder **254** may include a water solubility which has a small influence on the liquid crystal capsule **252**.

[0087] The plurality of liquid crystal molecules **256** may include at least one of a nematic liquid crystal, a ferroelectric liquid crystal and a flexo electric liquid crystal.

[0088] Since the liquid crystal layer **250** including the plurality of liquid crystal capsules **252** and the binder **256** may be formed without an additional orientation layer, the liquid crystal layer **250** may directly contact the pixel electrode **238** and the common electrode **240**.

[0089] An auxiliary adhesive layer **262** is formed on the liquid crystal layer **250**. The auxiliary adhesive layer **262** may prevent remaining of a bubble when the substrate **220** and an optical film **260** are attached.

[0090] To prevent remaining of a bubble during the step of attaching, a thickness of about 10 μm to about 40 μm is required for the liquid crystal layer **250**. However, the liquid crystal layer **250** of a thickness of about 10 μm to about 40 μm does not have a required birefringence property and a required optical transmittance.

[0091] Accordingly, the auxiliary adhesive layer **262** not including the liquid crystal capsule **252** is formed on the liquid crystal layer **250** for preventing remaining of a bubble. The auxiliary adhesive layer **262** may include a material the same as the adhesive material of the binder **254** of the liquid crystal layer **250** and may have a thickness of about 8 μm to about 34 μm.

[0092] To increase an adhesive force between the liquid crystal layer **250** and the auxiliary adhesive layer **262**, the liquid crystal layer **250** and the auxiliary adhesive layer **262** may further include a reactive additive. The reactive additive may be a material having a reactivity to a heat or a light or a material for compensating a refractive index difference between the liquid crystal layer **250** and the auxiliary adhesive **262**.

[0093] An optical film 260 is formed on the auxiliary adhesive layer 262. The optical film 260 protects the liquid crystal layer 250 including the liquid crystal capsule 252 and may have an optical function.

[0094] For example, the optical film 260 may include one of triacetyl cellulose (TAC) and cyclic olefin copolymer (COC) having an optical isotropy or a material capable of compensating a birefringence property of the liquid crystal layer 250.

[0095] A first adhesive layer 270 and a first polarizing plate 272 are sequentially formed under the substrate 220, and a second adhesive layer 274 and a second polarizing plate 276 are sequentially formed on the liquid crystal layer 250.

[0096] An adhesive force of the first and second adhesive layers 270 and 274 may be smaller than an adhesive force of the auxiliary adhesive layer 262.

[0097] The LCD device 210 may be fabricated by attaching the substrate 220 having the TFT T, the color filter layer, the pixel electrode 238 and the common electrode 240 and the optical film 260 having the liquid crystal layer 250.

[0098] FIGS. 5A to 5E are cross-sectional views showing a method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure. Reference is made to FIG. 4 with FIGS. 5A to 5E.

[0099] In FIG. 5A, the TFT T including the gate electrode 222, the semiconductor layer 226, the source electrode 228 and the drain electrode 230 is formed in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b on the substrate 220, and the first, second and third color filters 236_r, 236_g and 236_b are formed in the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b, respectively, on the TFT T. The pixel electrode 238 and the common electrode 240 are formed in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels SP_r, SP_g and SP_b, respectively, on the first, second and third color filters 236_r, 236_g and 236_b.

[0100] In FIG. 5B, the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 of an adhesive material is formed on the optical film 260. The liquid crystal capsule material layer (not shown) is formed on the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 by coating the liquid crystal capsule solution including the plurality of liquid crystal capsules 252 and the binder 254, and the liquid crystal capsule material layer is dried or cured to form the liquid crystal layer 250.

[0101] Each of the plurality of liquid crystal capsules 252 includes the plurality of liquid crystal molecules 256, and the binder 254 includes the adhesive material (not shown). The adhesive material of the liquid crystal layer 250 may be the same as the adhesive material of the auxiliary adhesive layer 262.

[0102] For example, the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 may have a thickness of about 8 μm to about 34 μm, and the liquid crystal layer 250 may have a thickness of about 2 μm to about 6 μm.

[0103] In FIG. 5C, the substrate 220 having the TFT T, the first, second and third color filters 236_r, 236_g and 236_b, the pixel electrode 238 and the common electrode 240 and the optical film 260 having the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 and the liquid crystal layer 250 are attached to each other.

[0104] The adhesive material of the binder 254 of the liquid crystal layer 250 may provide the adhesive force between the substrate 220 and the optical film 260.

[0105] The auxiliary adhesive layer 262 may prevent remaining of a bubble in an interface between the substrate 220 and the optical film 260 when the substrate 220 and the optical film 260 are attached to each other.

[0106] To prevent remaining of a bubble during the step of attaching, a thickness of about 10 μm to about 40 μm is required for the liquid crystal layer 250. However, the liquid crystal layer 250 of a thickness of about 10 μm to about 40 μm does not have a required birefringence property and a required optical transmittance.

[0107] Accordingly, instead of forming the liquid crystal layer 250 having a relatively great thickness, the liquid crystal layer 250 is formed to have a normal thickness of about 2 μm to about 6 μm, and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 of a thickness of about 8 μm to about 34 μm having no liquid crystal capsule 252 is formed between the optical film 260 and the liquid crystal layer 250, thereby the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 and the liquid crystal layer 250 having a thickness of about 10 μm to about 40 μm. As a result, remaining of a bubble between the optical film 260 and the liquid crystal layer 250 is prevented during the step of attaching.

[0108] In FIG. 5D, the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 between the substrate 220 and the optical film attached to each other are cured by using a heat or a light (e.g., ultraviolet (UV) ray).

[0109] Since the adhesive material of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the adhesive material of the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 are cured, the adhesive force of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 increases. To further increase the adhesive force, the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 may further include a reactive additive.

[0110] When the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 include the same adhesive material, the liquid crystal layer 260 may become similar to the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 except for the liquid crystal capsule 252. As a result, the interface between the liquid crystal layer 260 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 may become blurred.

[0111] In FIG. 5E, the first polarizing plate 272 is attached to a rear surface of the substrate 220 through the first adhesive layer 270, and the second polarizing plate 276 is attached to a front surface of the optical film 260 through the second adhesive layer 274. As a result, the LCD device 210 including the liquid crystal capsule 252 is completed.

[0112] The adhesive force of the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 may be greater than the adhesive force of the first and second adhesive layers 270 and 274 even before the step of curing. After the step of curing, since the adhesive materials of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 are cured, the adhesive force of the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 may become further greater than the adhesive force of the first and second adhesive layers 270 and 274.

[0113] In the LCD device 210 including the liquid crystal capsule according to the second aspect of the present disclosure, since the adhesive force of the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 is greater than the adhesive force of the first and second adhesive layers 270 and 274, deterioration of the liquid crystal layer 250 during the rework of the second polarizing plate 276 is prevented.

[0114] FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view showing a rework of a liquid crystal display device including a liquid crystal

capsule according to a second aspect of the present disclosure. Reference is made to FIG. 4 with FIG. 6.

[0115] In FIG. 6, when the second polarizing plate 276 attached to the optical film 260 through the second adhesive layer 274 is misaligned, the second polarizing plate 276 is removed from the substrate 220 having the liquid crystal layer 250 and the optical film 260 and then a new second polarizing plate 276 is attached to the optical film 260 again.

[0116] Since the adhesive force of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 is further greater than the adhesive force of the second adhesive layer 274 due to the inherent property of the adhesive material and the additional step of curing, the second adhesive layer 274 and the second polarizing plate 276 may be easily removed from the substrate 220 in a state where the liquid crystal layer 250, the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 and the optical film 260 are attached to the substrate 220. As a result, the rework is smoothly performed without an error and a fabrication cost is reduced.

[0117] In the LCD device 210 including the liquid crystal capsule according to the second aspect of the present disclosure, since the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 and the optical film 260 on the liquid crystal layer 250 protects the liquid crystal layer 250, deterioration of the liquid crystal layer 250 due to the adhesive material of the second adhesive layer 274 is prevented and the optical film 260 is applied to various kinds of substrate 220.

[0118] In addition, after the liquid crystal capsule solution is formed on the optical film 260, the optical film 260 is attached to various kinds of substrate 220. As a result, a condition change of the liquid crystal capsule solution is not required and the thickness of the liquid crystal layer 250 may be kept uniformly.

[0119] Further, since the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 is formed between the liquid crystal layer 250 and the optical film 260, remaining of a bubble is prevented during the step of attaching the substrate 220 and the optical film 260.

[0120] Moreover, the adhesive force of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 is greater than the adhesive force of the second adhesive layer 274, and the adhesive force of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 further increases by the curing. As a result, separation of the liquid crystal layer 250 and the auxiliary adhesive layer 262 from the substrate 220 is prevented during the rework.

[0121] It will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications and variations can be made in the display device of the present disclosure without departing from the technical idea or scope of the disclosure. Thus, it is intended that the present disclosure cover the modifications and variations of this disclosure provided they come within the scope of the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a substrate having first, second and third sub-pixels;
a thin film transistor in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on a front surface of the substrate;
a pixel electrode and a common electrode in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on the substrate, the pixel electrode and the common electrode spaced apart from each other;

a liquid crystal layer on the pixel electrode and the common electrode, the liquid crystal layer including a liquid crystal capsule and a binder;

an auxiliary adhesive layer on the liquid crystal layer;

an optical film on the auxiliary adhesive layer;

a first adhesive layer and a first polarizing plate sequentially on a rear surface of the substrate; and

a second adhesive layer and a second polarizing plate sequentially on the optical film.

2. The display device of claim 1, wherein each of adhesive forces of the liquid crystal layer and the auxiliary adhesive layer is greater than an adhesive force of the second adhesive layer.

3. The display device of claim 1, wherein the binder includes an adhesive material, and the auxiliary adhesive layer includes a same material as the adhesive material of the binder.

4. The display device of claim 1, wherein each of the liquid crystal layer and the auxiliary adhesive layer includes a reactive additive having a reactivity to heat or light.

5. The display device of claim 1, wherein the optical film has an optical isotropy or a compensating property for a birefringence of the liquid crystal layer.

6. A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

forming a thin film transistor, a pixel electrode and a common electrode in each of first, second and third sub-pixels on a front surface of a substrate, the pixel electrode and the common electrode spaced apart from each other;

sequentially forming an auxiliary adhesive layer and a liquid crystal layer on an optical film;

attaching the substrate and the optical film such that the pixel electrode and the common electrode contact the liquid crystal layer;

sequentially forming a first adhesive layer and a first polarizing plate on a rear surface of the substrate; and sequentially forming a second adhesive layer and a second polarizing plate on the optical film.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein each of adhesive forces of the liquid crystal layer and the auxiliary adhesive layer is greater than an adhesive force of the second adhesive layer.

8. The method of claim 6, further comprising curing the liquid crystal layer and the auxiliary adhesive layer between the substrate and the optical film by using heat or light.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the forming the liquid crystal layer on the optical film includes:

forming a liquid crystal capsule material layer on the auxiliary adhesive layer by coating a liquid crystal capsule solution including a liquid crystal capsule and a binder; and

forming the liquid crystal layer by one of drying and curing the liquid crystal capsule material layer.

10. A liquid crystal display device including a thin film transistor substrate where first, second and third sub-pixels are defined, comprising:

a thin film transistor in each of the first, second and third sub-pixels on a front surface of the thin film transistor substrate;

a liquid crystal layer disposed on the thin film transistor, the liquid crystal layer including a liquid crystal capsule and a binder;

an auxiliary adhesive layer on the liquid crystal layer;

an optical film on the auxiliary adhesive layer;

a first adhesive layer and a first polarizing plate sequentially on a rear surface of the thin film transistor substrate; and

a second adhesive layer and a second polarizing plate sequentially on the optical film.

11. The display device of claim **10**, wherein each of adhesive forces of the liquid crystal layer and the auxiliary adhesive layer is greater than an adhesive force of the second adhesive layer.

12. The display device of claim **10**, wherein the binder includes an adhesive material, and the auxiliary adhesive layer includes a same material as the adhesive material of the binder.

13. The display device of claim **10**, wherein each of the liquid crystal layer and the auxiliary adhesive layer includes a reactive additive having a reactivity to heat or light.

14. The display device of claim **10**, wherein the optical film has an optical isotropy or a compensating property for a birefringence of the liquid crystal layer.

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